

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Monday, **June 11, 2012**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:54 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5. Ex-officios: Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor and County Council Chairman, and Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7. Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney and Mrs. Catherine R. Windham, Interim Clerk to Council. Excused from this meeting: Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Council Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4, and Council Member Mr. Jack Schurlknight, Council District No. 6.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman S. Davis called the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety to order.

Chairman S. Davis: "Clerk, has this meeting been properly noticed via the Freedom of Information Act?"

Mrs. Windham: "Yes sir, it has."

Chairman S. Davis: "Thank you. First on the agenda is the approval of minutes..."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2012

Committee Member Fish: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Callanan: "Second."

Chairman S. Davis: "Are there any corrections to these minutes? (No Response). All in favor signify by Aye? (Ayes) Those opposed? (No Response) Minutes stand approved as presented."

It moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to approve the minutes from May 14, 2012 as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman S. Davis: "Next is..."

A. Mr. H. Wayne DeWitt, Berkeley County Sheriff, Re: Additional Funding for Gasoline

Sheriff DeWitt: "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Gentleman I am here to request additional funding for gasoline. The allocated funding that we had in this current fiscal year budget is exhausted and I think it was calculated at the amount of about \$2.75 per gallon and we've gone well beyond that with the cost of gasoline. So, I'm not going to ask for a numerical amount but if you could approve an amount as needed to get us through to the end of this fiscal year. To include us to the Sheriff's Office and the Hill Finklea Detention Center."

Committee Member Callanan: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Fish: "Second."

Chairman S. Davis: "Properly moved and a second; discussion, please?"

Committee Member Farley: "You don't have any idea how much it will take?"

Sheriff DeWitt: "Calculating is what we've used per month thus far this year, probably with the Sheriff's Office, around \$70,000 and the Detention Center \$4,300. But, don't hold me to that."

Chairman S. Davis: "\$75,000."

Sheriff DeWitt: "Roughly."

Committee Member Callanan: "And that's for what? I'm sorry. Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman S. Davis: "I'm the Chair here."

Committee Member Callanan: "I'm sorry."

Chairman S. Davis: "That's ok."

Committee Member Callanan: "That's for what period of time? For a month or?"

Chairman S. Davis: "That's...new budget."

Sheriff DeWitt: "To get us on through the end of the fiscal year, yeah, for basically a month."

Committee Member Callanan: "For a month....and foot patrols are out? I'm just kidding."

Chairman S. Davis: "You got to park some of those cars in the Forty-One Community."

Sheriff DeWitt: "1,010 square miles will be hard to do by foot."

Chairman S. Davis: "What's the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Callanan: "Do you have a second?"

Committee Member Fish: "You have a motion and a second already."

Chairman S. Davis: "All discussion ceased. All those in favor signify by Aye? (Ayes) Those opposed? (No Response) Motion carries."

Sheriff DeWitt: "Thank you very much."

It moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to approve additional funding for gasoline to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department and Hill Finklea Detention Center. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman S. Davis: "Also, we have on the agenda..."

B. Mr. Tom Smith, Emergency Preparedness Director, Re: Grant Award Utilization Approval

Mr. Smith: "Good evening Mr. Chairman, Members of Council and guests. I just requested the opportunity to advise Council that the LEMPG, the Local Emergency Planning Grant award is going to approximately be \$65,664 dollars. I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce an Intern I have for the summer; from Savannah State University, Ms. Anita Taylor."

Ms. Taylor: "Hello."

Mr. Smith: "She's a junior at Savannah State when she goes back to school and also I'd like to put a plug in for upgrading the people in the County that have cell phones to get their cell phone numbers logged in with our emergency reverse 911 system. It's very important. Not many people know about this. It's an opportunity that we've recently added to the capabilities of that system and that's all I have. Thank you."

Chairman S. Davis: "Thank you. Thank you for coming to, Ms. Taylor. Thank you."

Council Member Pinckney: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman S. Davis: "Yes?"

Council Member Pinckney: "I've got a question for Mr. Smith. Putting our cell numbers into the 911 system..."

Mr. Smith: "Yes, sir?"

Council Member Pinckney: "Does that include folks that live out in Cross too?"

Mr. Smith: "Absolutely."

Council Member Pinckney: "And you guys will be able to...no problem?"

Mr. Smith: "They could add the phone number, but the dead spots in communications."

Council Member Pinckney: "Ok."

Mr. Smith: "I don't know what to do for you there."

Council Member Pinckney : "Ok, I was hoping that we had some way of getting around that."

Mr. Smith: "Sorry, ok. Thank you, sir."

Chairman S. Davis: "That having been said, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment."

Committee Member Farley: "So move."

Committee Member Fish: "Second."

Chairman S. Davis: "All those in favor, signify by Aye? (Ayes) Thank you very much."

It moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **adjourn** the Committee Meeting on Justice and Public Safety. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6: 59 pm.

July 9, 2012
Date Approved

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Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:03 p.m.**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

AGENDA

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2012

- A. Mr. H. Wayne DeWitt, Berkeley County Sheriff, Re: Additional Funding for Gasoline**
- B. Mr. Tom Smith, Emergency Preparedness Director, Re: Grant Award Utilization Approval**

June 6, 2012
S/ Patricia R. Dennis
Catherine R. Windham
Interim Clerk of County Council